



State of Wisconsin  
2021 - 2022 LEGISLATURE

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## 2021 ASSEMBLY BILL 188

March 23, 2021 - Introduced by Representatives KNODL, ANDRACA, ARMSTRONG, BRANDTJEN, HINTZ, L. MYERS, NEYLON, OLDENBURG, POPE, ROZAR, SKOWRONSKI, TITTL, VINING and ALLEN, cosponsored by Senators DARLING, KOYENGA, NASS, PFAFF and BERNIER. Referred to Committee on Education.

1     **AN ACT** *to repeal* 118.045 and 118.38 (1) (a) 8.; and *to amend* 119.04 (1) of the  
2     statutes; **relating to:** the commencement of fall classes in public schools.

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***Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau***

Under current law, public schools are prohibited from starting fall classes until September 1. However, current law allows the Department of Public Instruction to grant a school board request for an exception to this prohibition if DPI determines there are extraordinary reasons for granting the request.

Beginning with the 2022-23 school term, this bill eliminates the prohibition against public schools starting fall classes before September 1.

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***The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:***

3     **SECTION 1.** 118.045 of the statutes is repealed.

4     **SECTION 2.** 118.38 (1) (a) 8. of the statutes is repealed.

5     **SECTION 3.** 119.04 (1) of the statutes is amended to read:

6     119.04 (1) Subchapters IV, V and VII of ch. 115, ch. 121 and ss. 66.0235 (3) (c),  
7     66.0603 (1m) to (3), 115.01 (1) and (2), 115.28, 115.31, 115.33, 115.34, 115.343,

**ASSEMBLY BILL 188****SECTION 3**

1 115.345, 115.363, 115.364, 115.365 (3), 115.366, 115.367, 115.38 (2), 115.415, 115.445,  
2 118.001 to 118.04, ~~118.045~~, 118.06, 118.07, 118.075, 118.076, 118.10, 118.12, 118.125  
3 to 118.14, 118.145 (4), 118.15, 118.153, 118.16, 118.162, 118.163, 118.164, 118.18,  
4 118.19, 118.196, 118.20, 118.223, 118.225, 118.24 (1), (2) (c) to (f), (6), (8), and (10),  
5 118.245, 118.25, 118.255, 118.258, 118.291, 118.292, 118.293, 118.30 to 118.43,  
6 118.46, 118.50, 118.51, 118.52, 118.53, 118.55, 118.56, 120.12 (2m), (4m), (5), and (15)  
7 to (27), 120.125, 120.13 (1), (2) (b) to (g), (3), (14), (17) to (19), (26), (34), (35), (37),  
8 (37m), and (38), 120.137, 120.14, 120.20, 120.21 (3), and 120.25 are applicable to a  
9 1st class city school district and board but not, unless explicitly provided in this  
10 chapter or in the terms of a contract, to the commissioner or to any school transferred  
11 to an opportunity schools and partnership program.

12 **SECTION 4. Initial applicability.**

13 (1) This act first applies to the commencement of the 2022-23 school term.

14 (END)